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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/6/04.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. Due to communications filed 12/9/03, the following is a non-final first office action. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application and have been examined on the merits. Claims 1-17 are rejected as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-5, 7-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice (US 2006/0085232 A1), and further in view of applicant's admissions.

As per claim 1, Rice discloses:

storing respective camping pad attribute information for camping pads of a camping facility, ([0010], lines 5-13, receive and store parcel information, which includes usage availability of the parcel, w/ [0037], lines 5-9, shows landowner enters attributes about parcels, where a parcel is analogous to the camping pad, since a parcel is a parcel of land that can be used for the purpose of camping as shown in [0021], line 17-20);

obtaining reservation request information concerning the camping facility..., ([0010], lines 14-16, receive request information including identification of desired parcel); and

providing an indication of one or more candidate camping pads based on the respective camping pad attribute information of the camping pads of the camping facility..., ([0010], lines 16-19, generate an access code to parcel for use in conformance with parcel information).

Rice does not disclose the following, but does disclose the reservation of camping space for the purpose of camping, and using usage availability to process a reservation request into a reservation of a camping space as disclosed above, and in the camping industry, camping pads must accommodate camping vehicles by having enough space, or the correct dimensions available for usage.

However, applicant's admissions disclose that campers, or camping vehicles are familiar in the camping industry, and generally used for the purpose of overnight accommodation while camping on page 2, paragraph [0006] of the specification. Therefore, storing camping vehicle attribute information for a given camping vehicle, obtaining reservation request information for the camping pad, and providing an indication of a camping pad based on camping vehicle attributes for the given camping vehicle would be obvious with storing camp pad attributes, and providing an indication of a camping pad based on camping pad attributes since camping pads are made for camping vehicles to be parked on as shown on Page 3, paragraph [0009] of the specification, and with out a camping pad which demonstrates the proper usage availability, there would be no use for a camping vehicle.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to store camping vehicle attribute information, obtain reservation

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request information for the camping vehicle, and providing an indication of a camping pad based on camping vehicle attributes for the purpose of storing and indicating information that can be used as or together with camping pad information since they must both demonstrate usage availability which is compatible.

As per claims 2, 11, Rice does not disclose the following, but does disclose the reservation of camping space for the purpose of camping as disclosed above.

However, applicant's admissions discloses:

Wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises one or more of: tip-out portion particulars/expandable portions of the camping vehicle, (page 4, [0013] or the specification). Applicant's admissions disclose this limitation for the purpose of showing that a tip-out portion of a camping vehicle is part of the vehicle which can be extended from the camping vehicle.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention for camping vehicle attribute information to comprise tip-out portion particulars/expandable portions of the camping vehicle with the motivation of showing that camping vehicles can be provided with additional interior space.

As per claim 3, Rice discloses:

wherein the camping pad attribute information comprises one or more of: pad access attributes, ([0011], lines 7-8, usage availability of parcel);

As per claim 4, Rice discloses:

receiving a customer request for making a reservation at a camping facility, ([0010], lines 14-16, receive request information including identification of desired parcel);

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searching a camping institution database for information relating to the camping reservation, the database comprising camping pad attribute information of camping facilities belonging to the camping institution, ([0012], line 7-9, querying); and generating a camping reservation at a camping facility responsive to the customer request, ([0012], line 10, reserving).

Rice does not disclose the following, but does disclose the reservation of camping space for the purpose of camping, and using usage availability to process a reservation request into a reservation of a camping space as disclosed above, and in the camping industry, camping pads must accommodate camping vehicles by having enough space, or the correct dimensions available for usage.

However, applicant's admissions disclose that campers, or camping vehicles are familiar in the camping industry, and generally used for the purpose of overnight accommodation while camping on page 2, paragraph [0006] of the specification. Therefore, receiving a request for reservation at a camping facility which includes camping vehicle attribute information would be obvious since camping pads are made for camping vehicles to be parked on as shown on Page 3, paragraph [0009] of the specification, and with out a camping pad which demonstrates the proper usage availability, there would be no use for a camping vehicle.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to receive a request for reservation at a camping facility which includes camping vehicle attribute information for the purpose of storing data that can

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be used as or together with camping pad information since they must both demonstrate usage availability which is compatible.

As per claim 5, Rice discloses:

further comprising providing a user with alternative camping facility information when a reservation cannot be made according to the camping vehicle attribute information and the camping pad attribute information, ([0014], shows that users can alternatively select a parcel from a list of parcels).

As per claim 7, Rice discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises one or more of sewer connection information, water connection information and phone line connection information, ([0012], telephone system).

As per claims 8, 9, 10, neither Rice nor applicant's admissions disclose:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises camping vehicle attachment information relating to one or more of a boat, a trailer, and a motor vehicle/ wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a make and model of the camping vehicle/dimensions of the camping vehicle, but Rice discloses the reservation of camping space for the purpose of camping as discussed above with respect to claim 1, and using usage availability to process a reservation request into a reservation of a camping space as disclosed above, and in the camping industry, camping pads must accommodate camping vehicles by having enough space, or the correct dimensions available for usage. Furthermore, applicant's admissions disclose that campers, or camping vehicles are familiar in the camping industry, and generally used for the

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purpose of overnight accommodation while camping on page 2, paragraph [0006] of the specification.

However, official notice is taken that it is obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention for vehicle attribute information to comprise camping vehicle attachment information relating to one or more of a boat, a trailer, and a motor vehicle/ wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a make and model of the camping vehicle/ dimensions of the camping vehicle. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention for vehicle attribute information to comprise camping vehicle attachment information relating to one or more of a boat, a trailer, and a motor vehicle/wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a make and model of the camping vehicle/ dimensions of the camping vehicle with the motivation of showing common features of a camping vehicle.

As per claim 12, Rice discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a date of arrival and a date of departure at the camping facility, ([0025], lines 1-5, date specific).

As per claim 13, Rice discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises the number of people who will be staying at the camping facility, ([0032], lines 1-7, attributes not limited to the number of hunters desired).

As per claim 14, Rice discloses:

wherein the camping vehicle attribute information comprises a location of a camping pad within the camping facility of a camping institution, ([0032], lines 1-4, geographic location).

As per claims 15, 16 and 17, Rice discloses:

accessing a website of a camping institution, ([0023], lines 1-2, system access point (SAP) may be a website);

accessing a reservation area of said website, ([0021], lines 1-12, shows accessing hunter access reservation system);

acquiring reservation information for making a reservation at a camping facility, ([0012], lines 13-24, using hunter and optional modules to select a parcel for reservation, and to query for availability of a parcel);

acquiring user accommodation information comprising information about user preferences at the camping facility, ([0024], lines 9-13, personal usage statistics and ratings);

searching a camping institution database containing camping pad attribute information regarding camping facilities of the camping institution, ([0025], lines 1-3, search for parcels, w/ [0012], lines 7-9, querying);

generating camping facility reservation information according to...the reservation information and the accommodation

information, ([0025], lines 5-9, matching parcels browsed);

reserving a camping facility according to the...reservation information and the accommodation information, ([0012], line 10, reserving); and

acquiring payment information for payment of the camping facility reservation, ([0009], line 1-7, receiving information about a payment).

Rice does not disclose the following, but does disclose the reservation of camping space for the purpose of camping, and using usage availability to process a reservation request into a reservation of a camping space as disclosed above, and in the camping industry, camping pads must accommodate camping vehicles by having enough space, or the correct dimensions available for usage.

However, applicant's admissions disclose that campers, or camping vehicles are familiar in the camping industry, and generally used for the purpose of overnight accommodation while camping on page 2, paragraph [0006] of the specification. Therefore, acquiring camping pad attribute information, generating information and reserving according to camping pad information would be obvious with acquiring camping vehicle attribute information comprising information about a camping vehicle to be placed on the camping facility, generating information and reserving according to camping vehicle information since camping pads are made for camping vehicles to be parked on as shown on Page 3, paragraph [0009] of the specification, and with out a camping pad which demonstrates the proper usage availability, there would be no use for a camping vehicle.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to acquire camping vehicle attribute information comprising information about a camping vehicle to be placed on the camping facility for the purpose

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of obtaining information that can be used as or together with camping pad information since they must both demonstrate usage availability which is compatible.

4. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rice (US 2006/0085232 A1), and further in view of applicant's admissions, and further in view of DeLorme et al (US 5,948,040).

As per claim 6, neither Rice nor applicant's admissions disclose the following, however Rice discloses the reservation of camping space for the purpose of camping, and using usage availability to process a reservation request into a reservation of a camping space as disclosed above in Claim 1.

However, DeLorme et al discloses:

further comprising generating one or more of promotional information, discounts, and coupons according to a user's account information, (Col. 80, lines 20-27, coupon). DeLorme et al discloses this limitation in an analogous art for the purpose of showing that a coupon is output to complete ones travel plans.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the applicant's invention to generate a coupon according to a user's account information with the motivation of fully processing the reservation.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Akiba K Robinson-Boyce whose telephone number is 571-272-6734. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Hayes can be reached on 571-272-6708. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7238 [After final communications, labeled "Box AF"], 703-746-7239 [Official Communications], and 703-746-7150 [Informal/Draft Communications, labeled "PROPOSED" or "DRAFT"].

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.



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